

ITALIANS ON FRONTIER

Cross Albanian Mountains in Drive to Aid Serbs

TWO THOUSAND AUSTRAINS SLAIN

Montenegrins Drive the Foe from Captured Town on Greek Border

London, Dec. 28.—Contact between the Bulgars and the Italians on the Greek frontier in southern Albania is hourly expected. The Italian troops, which landed at Avlona nearly two weeks ago, have crossed the Albanian mountains and have reached the Greek boundary. This expedition is a menace to the left flank of the Bulgarians, who dashed westward through central Albania in pursuit of the Serbian remnants. The arrival of the Italian force in the fighting zone is reported by the Athens correspondent of the London Telegraph.

The Greek outposts are said to have come in contact with the Italians in Albania. The Athens correspondent adds that Greece has made friendly inquiries of Italy to ascertain the object of the extension of her military operations in Albania. Italy, it is understood, has given assurances.

According to one report, King Constantine has informed Emperor William that while Germans may have a free hand to attack Salonica, neither Turks nor Bulgars will be allowed to enter Greece. Another report has it that the king will not resist a Bulgarian invasion since Germany has guaranteed that Greek territory will be respected.

It is reported from Athens that the Greek king does not desire any change in his cabinet until the reassembling of the Chamber late in January. The present ministry, therefore, will remain in power.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Austrian troops that captured Bijopolje, in Montenegro, have been driven from the town by Montenegrins with a loss of 2,000 men, according to an official statement given out by the Montenegrin legation here yesterday.

Athens, Dec. 28.—The Bulgarian premier has assured the Agrarian party that the Bulgarian campaign in the Balkans has ended, according to Bulgarian newspapers received here yesterday. In response to a query from M. Denigoff, the Agrarian leader, Premier Radoslavoff declared that Bulgars will hold their positions on the Serbo-Greek frontier.

The Greek government has issued a decree disbanding two auxiliary classes of troops.

PLOT TO RUIN GERMAN ARMS.

Millions of Cartridges and Thousands of Springfield Rifles Endangered by Fire.

New York, Dec. 28.—Three million rounds of cartridges, thousands of Springfield rifles and revolvers and other weapons were endangered by a fire in the storage room of a building in West Houston street early yesterday. The fire was quickly extinguished with small loss before reaching the ammunition.

Police, who investigated the circumstances, said they learned that the ammunition was bought in this country by German agents seven months ago, with the intention of shipping it to Germany by way of South America and a neutral European port. The plan, they said, failed, because sailors of British vessels refused to engage in work of carrying ammunition to the enemies of Great Britain.

John H. Patrick, a contractor and owner of the building, had a police permit to store the ammunition and 500,000 revolvers there.

NEW YORK CLUB AFTER STARS.

American Leaguers Would Purchase the Catchers and Outfielders

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The New York American league club wants catchers Archer and Fischer and outfielders Flack and Zwilling, according to a telegram signed by Colonel Ruppert of the New York team, received yesterday by Charles Weeghman. The messages was one of a dozen from various magnates and managers proposing trades to follow the amalgamation of the Chicago National and Federal league clubs.

Mr. Weeghman does not expect to take up any deals, however, until the formal transfer of the Cubs takes place and until Manager Tinker is able to take a hand in them. Besides, he is in doubt regarding the necessity of asking waivers from National league clubs before letting his players go out of the circuit. Zwilling was at one time slated for the Boston Braves.

CAN'T FIND INCAS' GOLD.

Expedition of the United States Government Returns from Fruitless Quest.

Colon, Panama, Dec. 28.—Harry A. Barber, a United States postoffice inspector, who has been in the interior of Peru trying to locate the buried treasure of the Incas, it is understood, has failed in his quest. Inspector Barber was sent to Peru to investigate for the federal authorities at Wilmington, Del., the alleged existence of a \$500,000,000 placer gold deposit which figures prominently in the McCune case, in which the Duponts and other leading Delaware financiers are mentioned.

McCune, it is said, floated a large corporation on the strength of having discovered the source of the gold of the ancient Incas. He finally became involved with the postoffice department. McCune is now at liberty under \$100,000 bail, and, according to Barber, is in Peru again endeavoring to locate the treasure.

The mine is said to be near the headwaters of the Amazon river, which is 100 miles beyond the city of Cuzco, Peru and near the headwaters of the Amazon river. According to the McCune prospectus, there is an exceptionally rich vein of free gold. Barber said that he spent six months making an investigation, but failed to state what the results were. He said, however, that the action of the mine had been known of any gold in the vicinity.

SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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WORK NOW FOR PEACE IN THE FORD RANKS

The Peace Pilgrims Are Now Endeavoring to Prevent Further Desertions.

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The new management of the Ford peace party was yesterday endeavoring to close the ranks and prevent further secessions, following the withdrawal of Gov. Hanna of North Dakota and Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain.

The whole delegation probably will be called together and urged to bury the hatchet while on the peace trail. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones believes there is still a chance for the mission's partial success if the pilgrims work in harmony from now on.

At a meeting held here Sunday night several leaders explained the Ford plan to 300 Social Democrats. They registered their approval and probably will give the party support.

The Swedish papers, taking a different view from that expressed by the press of Norway, declare that Ford's expedition might actually have hastened the war's end had it not been badly managed.

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the members of the Ford party have decided to make Copenhagen their headquarters, instead of The Hague, as originally planned.

BOY-ED TO LEAVE FOR HOME ON ROTTERDAM

The German Naval Attache Whose Withdrawal from Washington Was Requested.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain K. Boy-Ed, the recalled German naval attache, will leave New York on the steamship Rotterdam to-day. He reserved his state-room yesterday.

SUGAR VESSEL AFIRE.

Was Being Loaded for Voyage to Great Britain.

New York, Dec. 27.—Fire, said by the police to have been of suspicious origin, was discovered yesterday afternoon aboard the steamer Inchmoe, owned by the W. Ruciman company of New Castle, England, while she was loading with sugar at the foot of Warren street, Brooklyn. The loss has not yet been determined, but it will be considerable.

When the fire was discovered it seemed to be burning in a dozen places at once. Firemen fought the flames an hour before they were extinguished.

The Inchmoe was to have sailed Tuesday for British ports and 3,400 tons of sugar had been taken aboard when the fire was discovered.

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS SELL DOWN TO 94

A New Low Record for Half-Billion Dollar Issue Is Thus Established.

New York, Dec. 28.—A new low record for Anglo-French five per cent. war bonds was made yesterday, when a \$10,000 lot of the issue sold at 94 on the New York stock exchange.

NO ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Was Made by Japanese Liner When Attacked by Submarine.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristol at Port Said cables that no warning was given to the Wasaka Maru, which was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on Tuesday. The nationality of the submarine has not been established. The liner made no attempt to escape.

POLES ARE DESERTING

Or Beg to Quit Russian Army, Says Constantinople Report.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—The Poles in the Russian army, whose homes are in the district occupied by the Germans, are deserting or begging to be sent home.

RUSSIANS DEMORALIZED

Because of Cold, Etc., Says a German Mouthpiece.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Russia's army is demoralized as the result of cold, hunger, cholera, typhoid and poor equipment, says the Overseas agency.

Ideal Orchards.

The old farm has some neglected apple-trees, as are nearly all the apple-trees throughout the country close to New York City, but we have heard enough of their fruit each season to serve us through most of the winter. Sometime I hope to learn why we bring apples from Oregon and Washington, when the finest in the world grow in our own state, even trees that have not had a moment's care in twenty years hanging full of fruit of sweet flavor. His acres and neglected orchards seem to me economic wastes that are almost criminal. We have tried to do our part in utilizing the ground close at hand.—C. S. Burton in the Country Life Magazine for December.

Many People Look

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WILSON TO PRESS DEFENCE

He Wants the Army and the Navy on New Programs

PREPAREDNESS FIRST IN CONGRESS

Then It Can Work on General Legislation, He Will Urge

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 28.—Congress will be urged by President Wilson to concentrate its attention upon the administration's national defense program immediately after the Christmas holidays. While the president has no desire to see the preparedness plans rushed through without full consideration and debate, he is most anxious to have the army and navy bills disposed of as promptly as possible. He not only believes it is essential to put the war and navy departments in a position to begin work on their new programs without delay, but wants the congressional calendar cleared for general legislation later in the winter.

Hundreds of business and professional men in nearly every large city in the United States are undergoing systematic military training, with regular army and national guard officers as their instructors. The total number of men so engaged in various parts of the country is estimated at between 10,000 and 15,000, of which number about 2,000 are citizens of New York City. In Chicago the number in training is about 1,200; in Cleveland, about 800; in Boston about 1,500; in Philadelphia about 2,000; in Buffalo, about 1,500; and in Baltimore about 1,000. Other cities in which larger bodies of citizens have taken advantage of the opportunity to better themselves in a military way are Pittsburgh, Washington, St. Louis, San Francisco, Providence, Denver, New Orleans, and many others.

Universal military training for men from 18 to 21 years old is urged by the Army league in the following resolutions, just adopted, which will be presented to Congress when it reconvenes on Jan. 4.

CREW OF SPANISH SHIP WINS \$1,200,000

Men on the Alfonso XIII. Hold Lucky Number in the Christmas Drawing of Government Lottery.

Ferrol, Spain, Dec. 28.—The capital prize of \$1,200,000 in the Christmas drawing of the government lottery, was won by the crew of the cruiser Alfonso XIII. The prize will be divided among 719 men, who subscribed to the ticket, the price of which was \$200.

LARGE SALE OF FORESTS.

Bids Accepted for Two Large Tracts of National Forests.

Bids have been accepted by the department of agriculture for two large bodies of national forest timber estimated to contain 188,100,000 board feet. One is in California and the other in Utah. With one exception, these are by far the most important sales made this fiscal year, which is expected by forestry officials to run considerably above last year in receipts from timber sales, the first five months having shown an increase of nearly 40 per cent.

The California sale is on the Plumas national forest, in the Sierra mountains. The most valuable timber is sugar pine, for which \$3.25 per thousand was bid, with an estimated total of nearly 20,000,000 board feet on the tract. For yellow pine, of which the amount is put at over 37,000,000 feet, \$2.60 was bid.

Douglas fir, white fir and incense cedar, which have a much lower market value, brought an average of about 70 cents a thousand for a total of over 45,000,000 feet. The purchaser will be allowed an operating period of 15 years, besides a year at the beginning for the construction of necessary improvements; but the prices to be paid are subject to readjustment every five years.

The Utah timber is in the Wasatch national forest, and will be cut chiefly by railroad ties. It comprises, according to the government's estimate, 82,100,000 board feet of green and dead lodgepole pine, Engelmann spruce and Alpine fir. The sale price is 10 cents for each tie cut and one-half cent per linear foot for mine timbers.

Notwithstanding that since the current fiscal year began, July 1, there have been two large previous sales of national forest timber, one in Arizona and one in New Mexico, the total value of the sales from the national forests last year was \$89,000,000 board feet, of which nearly one-fourth went to local residents allowed free use, while out of a total of nearly 11,000 individual sales only 100 involved timber worth more than \$1,000. With timber receipts during the last fiscal year in excess of \$1,175,000, the forestry officials say that if the rate of gain already made this year continues the receipts will exceed all past records.

A Forgotten Village. There lay spread out before Friday street, a wretched spot cradled in a miniature glen, with a silvery little stream flowing through it. Bathed in sunlight, gay flowers making arabesques of color against the dull background of time-worn cottages, framed by low-lying hills crowned with tall pines and oaks, the first view of Friday street was like an impressionist painting. A group of children sat at play on the opposite hill-top, and a faithful bunch to the picture; for the rays of the setting sun falling through the trees gave to them an appearance of shimmering invisibility, as if they were dancing spheres of fire.

And down in a golden mist, Mary Lane's Cottage in The Country Life Magazine for December.

PEASLEE MURDER TRIAL OPENS

Called into Court at Concord, N. H., Charged with Killing His Father.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 28.—The trial of Morrison H. Peaslee of Henniker for the murder of his father, Howard W. Peaslee, a toymaker, was set for yesterday. The elder Peaslee received a charge from his own shotgun while sitting in his little toyshop on the night of May 22, 1914.

Ninety witnesses have been summoned by the government and the defense. It is believed the trial will extend through at least two weeks. Attorney-General James P. Tuttle and Attorney Robert C. Murphy, the latter solicitor for Merrimack county, are the prosecuting counsel, while the defense is represented by Attorney Nathaniel E. Martin and Attorney George V. Hill of Concord.

The murder of Howard W. Peaslee is believed to have occurred at about 9 o'clock at night, while the aged toymaker was sitting near an open window in his little shop. The shot was fired from the outside, and it is the contention of the police that it was fired by Morrison Peaslee from his home across the street from the toyshop.

For many weeks the police and detectives were at sea for a clue. Detectives entered the toyshop as employees of Morrison Peaslee, who had taken up the active direction of the business.

One of the detectives finally became a partner with Morrison. They later sold out the business in Henniker and removed to Portland. Here, it is said, the detective so got into Peaslee's confidence that he brought to light enough to cause Peaslee's arrest. The police claim that, following his arrest, Peaslee admitted his guilt. This "confession" Peaslee later denied. Peaslee's wife also denies her husband is guilty and declares she will be able to prove his innocence.

BRYAN CANCELS HIS PEACE VOYAGE PLANS

He Had Intended to Sail To-day for Europe to Join Ford and His Party.

New York, Dec. 28.—Reports that William J. Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed yesterday, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this country, Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

It was learned here yesterday that he had booked passage for himself and Mrs. Bryan on the steamship Rotterdam, sailing to-day. But yesterday he telegraphed that because of Mr. Ford's return he (Bryan) had indefinitely postponed his trip to Europe.

PURE DRINKING WATER

Is of Great Value to a Community, Says Geological Survey.

The geologic resource of greatest value to the health of communities is a supply of pure drinking water. It is generally recognized that a number of diseases, prominent among which are typhoid fever and amebic dysentery—a disease more common in tropical climates but found also in the United States—are contracted through contaminated water or contaminated food. Therefore a supply of pure water will eliminate one of the sources of such infection.

It is highly desirable to obtain supplies of domestic water from sources other than the shallow wells, some of them open, that are found near many houses. The water obtained from deep wells has percolated through sands and other material for so great a distance that its impurities have been removed by filtration, and it possesses a sanitary value that cannot well be over-estimated, for such water is free from the bacteria causing typhoid fever and the protozoa causing amebic dysentery, and its use obviates the necessity for shallow wells that may serve as a breeding place for anopheles, the mosquito to which malarial infections is due.

Geological Survey's Work on Underground Waters.

The United States geological survey for a number of years has been prosecuting, largely in co-operation with the state surveys, a systematic study of the ground water resources of all the coastal plain states. Reports have been issued, either by the federal survey or by co-operating state geological surveys for Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, eastern Tennessee, Kentucky and southern Illinois, southeastern Missouri, northeastern Arkansas and Louisiana, northeastern Texas, the Black and Grand prairie areas of Texas, and the area underlain by Tertiary formations in Texas south of the latitude of Jefferson and east of Brazos river. The manuscripts of papers on the ground water resources of Delaware and Maryland, on the ground waters of north-eastern Arkansas, and on the ground waters of La Salle and McMullen counties, Tex., have been completed and will be published during the next fiscal year, and additional studies of the ground waters of Mississippi are in progress. Comprehensive studies of the ground water resources of the coastal plain of Texas west of Brazos river are also approaching completion.

Half Million Square Miles Covered.

With good health recognized as one of the great national assets, the extent of this study of underground water resources furnishes a measure of its value to the public. Reports have been published covering 376,000 square miles in the Atlantic and Gulf states, reports on 27,000 square miles are completed though not yet published, field work has been completed on 50,000 square miles, and work is contemplated to cover 16,000 square miles. These areas of nearly half a million square miles include the parts of the United States in which impure water supplies involve the greatest danger. The value of such surveys in conserving public health has already been demonstrated, for it has been noted that wherever an adequate supply of deep well water has been obtained, typhoid fever, amebic dysentery, and malaria have abated.

Remains of Prehistoric Animals Are Important Keys.

The methods used by geologists in working out the distribution of ground waters are complex, but it is noteworthy that among the more significant criteria used are the fossil remains occurring in the different beds. Each one of the geologic horizons usually has its distinctive fossils, and by an accurate knowledge of these remains of organisms the geologist is aided in recognizing particular geologic formations. In this way he may be able to determine, by means of the samples taken from the bore, the depth to a certain water horizon.

That this science of paleontology, so generally regarded as a purely scientific study, has a great value in the investigation of economic questions may not be generally recognized. In order, however,



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